THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) A single panel of non-officials has been drawn up to preview and approve serials and tele-films for telecast on the national network of Doordarshan. The names of the empanelled persons are kept confidential in order to protect them from the possibility of outside pressures, etc.

(c) The Kendras have also committees for the selection of serials/ tele-films.

दिल्ली में पुलिस द्वारा दर्ज किए गए मामले

2361. सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत पांच वर्षों या उससे अधिक समय में दिल्ली में पुलिस द्वारा दर्ज किए गए अनेक मामले विभिन्न न्यायालयों में लंबित पड़े हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी कुल संख्या कितनी है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले कई वर्षों से इन मामलों में न्यायालयों में आरोपों को सत्य प्रमाणित करने की दिशा में कोई प्रगति नहीं हुई है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो पुलिस प्रशासन द्वारा इन सभी मामलों की पुनः परीक्षा किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ङ) क्या प्रशासन द्वारा भविष्य में इस संबंध में ठोस कदम उठाये जाने की कोई संभावना है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) 8598 मामले ।

(ग) जी नहीं, श्रीमान् ।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रशासन, मामलों की प्रगति के बारे में सावधिक रूप से समीक्षा करता है । संबंधित विभागों द्वारा न्यायालयों में भी मामलों को आगे बढ़ाया जाता है ।

Telephone facility provided to villages in Bihar

2362. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of villages in Bihar which have been provided telephone facility as on 30-4-90 ; and

(b) what is the number of villages in the State which are likely to be provided this facility during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) 3714 villages in Bihar have been provided with telephone facility as on 30-4-1990.

(b) 900 villages in the State are planned to be provided with telephone facility during the current year 1990-91.

Closing of Krishna Temples in USA

2363. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the US move to close Krishna temples of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in that country;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with US Government; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if the matter was not taken up with US Government, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government is aware that ISKCON temples in US are the subject of a legal dispute. The matter is still subjudice in US law courts. Government of India cannot intervene in the legal proceeding of another sovereign country.

Criteria for approval of TV serials

2364. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some criteria exist for approval of T.V. serials;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether large number of T.V. Serials are lying pending with the Ministry for lack of approval under the existing criteria;

(d) if so, what are the names of these serials with their date of submission;

(e) whether Government proposes to take some steps to accord approval to pending T.V. serials; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. T.V. Serials are selected after taking into consideration the merit of the script, the credentials of the director and other members of the production team and the programme needs of Doordarshan. While assessing the merit of the script, the Selection Committee also keeps in view the need to :

(i) promote the basic socio-cultural values like human unity and harmony; equal respect for all religions; rejection of violence, communal rivalries and tensions; liberation from superstitions and prejudices;

(ii) project the rich cultural diversity of the country; and

(iii) inculcate in the growing generations the right kind of value, outlook and standards.

(c) Acceptance of new proposals for telecast of sponsored T.V. Serials for the national network was suspended with effect from May 7, 1986. All proposals received by that date have since been processed and finalised.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Youth missing from Kashmir Valley

2365. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a list of youngmen of Kashmir Valley who are missing from their homes for the last three months;

(b) if so, the number thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to locate them ?